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SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE  
AND INHIBITING BREAKS  
DURING DRAWING OF OPTICAL  
FIBER, AND SILICA-  
CONTAINING ARTICLE  
PROTECTED AGAINST BREAK-  
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